

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, January 8, 1987

Following the Invocation by Dr. William M. Rowlett and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30, President Martin Standard presiding with 24 members present, 12 absent and 2 on leave of absence.

Minutes for December meeting were read and approved.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Richard C. Brasher, K. O. Cayce, Jr., Wynn L. Radford III and Mike Herndon.

The request for absence for the next 3 months when he would be in Arizona was granted to H. E. Hudson.

The votes for membership in the Society for the nominees submitted by the committee were both favorable, and the Secretary was instructed to notify these men for their acceptances, which has been done.

President Martin Standard called for the stated program:

J. Brooks Major presented a paper entitled:
Her Heart Was True But Alas! Her Teeth Were False
In a delightfully humorous literary style, the author combined the history of dentistry with anecdotes of the problems and perils of supplying mechanical devices as substitutes for natural teeth.

J. Dudley Galloway presented a paper entitled:
The History of Measures and Weights
The historical origins of the ways and means of measuring and weighing, and counting of endless number of things in numerous countries, together with the terms used to express them were presented by the author, concluding that as mankind's progress in science and industry and commerce occurs, new working standards will be needed.

Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, 14 members expressing interest and asking questions to which the authors responded in rebuttal.

The program for February 5, 1987, was announced:

Thomas W. Westerfield
Marshall Butler

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by President Standard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gladstone Major
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

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Following the Invocation by William T. Turner and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30, President Martin Standard presiding with 30 members present, 8 absent, and 2 on leave of absence.

Two new members, Col. Warren D. Cornell and Hal King, and guest Captain Rives M. Duncan of Great Falls, Montana, were introduced by President Standard.

Minutes for the January meeting were read and approved.

Requests for excused absences were presented by James H. Love, Marshall Bassett, George Boone, Franklin A. Nash, Jr., David L. Riley, George M. Draper and Peter C. MacDonald.

President Martin Standard called for the stated program.

Thomas W. Westerfield presented a paper entitled:
A Search for Treasure
Presenting his fruitless and costly search for the treasure of water for his home he was constructing in a rural community, the author, with scintillating humor, described his dismay and success in employing the faculties of a water witch.

Marshall Butler presented a paper entitled:
A Worm in the Big Apple
In a secular mosaic, its tiny tesserae deftly cut, brightly colored, precisely placed, the author offered his experiences as a developing musician in New York City, in a style, wit, and warmth uniquely wondrous.

Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, 7 members making comments and elaborations to which the writers responded in rebuttal.

The program for March 5, 1987, was announced:

George M. Draper
Mike Herndon

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by President Standard.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

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Following the Invocation by Dr. Robert B. Sivley and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30.

The president Martin Standard unable to attend because of a broken leg and vice-president William M. Rowlett being out of the city, W. Gladstone Major was asked to preside as president pro-tem.

The roll call disclosed 26 members present, 10 absent and 2 on leave of absence.

Minutes for the February meeting were read and approved.

Re Requests for excused absences were presented by Richard C. Brasher, Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr., Sam H. Traugher, George W. Engler, and Wynn L. Radford III.

Purchase of memorial flowers for Judge J. Thomas Soyars was approved and Wendell H. Rorie was asked to prepare a suitable resolution upon his death and mail a copy to his family.

The president pro-tem asked the Membership Committee to present nominations for officers for 1987-88 to be elected at the April meeting.

The president pro-tem called for the stated program.

George M. Draper presented a paper entitled:
Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) Annihilation Averted--It's All Done With Mirrors

With the understanding only of one with an academic knowledge of physics and a literary skill to clarify it to the untrained in this field, the writer presented in depth, the rapid expansion of nuclear weaponry into new fields, its present wide proliferation, explaining the possible upgrading of our present defense systems and expressing some ambivalence between the necessity and the danger of escalation into the Strategic Defense Initiative program.

Mike Herndon presented a paper entitled:
The Perils of Pint-sized People--And Selected Short Subjects

Challenging his high school yearbook caption, "Life is short and so am I", the writer standing upon a chair, delivered an hilarious diatribe against abuses heaped upon persons of diminutive height and the ridiculous accolade for those a few inches taller.

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Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, 14 members making comments and suggestions. Meeting the skeptics with patient tolerance and the flippant critics with barbed rejoinders as the situations demanded, the writers explained and defended their papers in rebuttal.

The program for April 2, 1987, was announced:

Robert B. Sivley
William M. Rowlett

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, April 2, 1987

Following the Invocation by Thomas W. Westerfield and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30 by Vice-President William M. Rowlett presiding in the absence of President Martin Standard who was convalescing.

The roll call disclosed 27 members present, 9 absent and 2 on leave of absence.

Requests for excused absences were presented by Frank A. Yost, Paul K. Turner, Marshall Bassett, Richard C. Brasher, Thomas W. Westerfield and Marvin D. Denison.

Minutes for the March meeting were read and approved.

The Resolution upon the death of Judge J. Thomas Soyars prepared by Wendell H. Rorie was read.

The motion to instruct the Vice-President to arrange for the May Open Meeting at the Hopkinsville Country Club was approved.

The Nominating Committee recommendation for 1987-88 officers-- William H. Rowlett, President; Dr. Sam H. Traughber, Vice-President; Dr. Franklin A. Nash, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer---was approved.

The Vice-President called for the stated program:

Dr. Robert B. Sivley presented a paper entitled:
Extrasensory Perception--Fact or Fiction

In a very learned paper upon the phenomena involved in para psychology, together with sketches of many personalities involved beginning with the 16th century poet Nostradamus, the writer concluded that the assertion that any perceptual events occur without the use of known sense modalities is yet to be proved.

Dr. William M. Rowlett delivered a paper entitled:
The Scourge of God

Taking a warning from the writings of St. Paul, the writer presented the history and nature of the virus which causes A.I.D.S., its devastating effect upon the human body, its rapid spread, its ineffectual method of treatment, and pointing out that the need to educate our young people is critical..

Following a 5 minute break the papers were discussed, the

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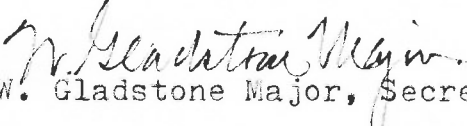
comments and questions of 7 members indicated the interest and concern of all present and evoked pertinent response for the writers in rebuttal.

The program for the May 7, 1987, Open Meeting was announced:

Kenneth C. Cayce, Jr.
Charles L. Tilley, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, May 7, 1987

The 86th Open Session convened at 7:00 in the Dining Room at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club with President Martin Standard presiding.

The tables were tastefully decorated and arranged conducive to friendly conversation and a delicious buffet dinner was served.

Dr. Robert B. Sively gave the Invocation.

Following the dinner President Standard welcomed the members and their guests and gave a short explanation of the purposes and history of the Athenaeum Society. He then asked the Secretary to call the roll of the members, requesting each to introduce himself and his guests; the total number in attendance was 82. 82.

President Martin Standard called the program for the evening:

Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. presented a paper entitled:
Miracle at Philadelphia

In a definitive and discerning paper the writer described the factors and provisions discussed and those rejected and those approved by the framers of our Constitution of the United States which now for 200 years has protected the rights and liberties of the people and has provided for domestic tranquility.

Charles L. Tilley, Jr. presented a paper entitled:
The Arkansas Travelers

Beginning with specific examples of the degenerative trend in selecting subjects for Athenaeum papers during the past year, the author, employing the same subtle humour, described the incidents which turned a carefully planned delightful trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, into a disaster.

In a discussion of the papers, after a five minute relaxing break, 19 members and 1 guest made laudatory comments with nostalgic anecdotes and considerable autobiographic detail. The authors with good humour and courtesy responded in rebuttal.

The President announced the elected officers for 1987-1988:

Dr. William M. Rowlett, President
Dr. Sam H. Traughber, Vice-President
Dr. Franklin A. Nash, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gladstone Major
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, September 3, 1987

Following the invocation by Dr. Prewitt Owen and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30 with President William M. Rowlett presiding. The roll call revealed 28 members present and seven absent.

Requests for excused absences were made by James H. Love, Duard N. Thurman and Franklin A. Nash, Jr., with these requests being approved.

Minutes from both the regular April meeting and the May Open Session were read and approved.

Communications in the form of two letters and one phone call were reported by the Secretary, indicating the resignations of Carmichael Fells, Marshall T. Bassett, and Col. Warren D. Cornell.

The above resignations left five vacancies and the Nominating Committee chaired by Charles L. Tilley, Jr. was called on for a report. Mr. Tilley indicated that rather than attempting to fill all of the vacancies at once the Nominating Committee was placing two names before the group for consideration. The names of two persons were presented with introductory comments about these persons being given by Mr. Tilley and by Wynn L. Radford, III. It was then requested that members consider further nominations to be presented at future meetings.

After it had been indicated that Frank A. Yost was not able to be present for this meeting and had exchanged program dates with Hal King, President Rowlett called for the amended program:

Paul K. Turner presented a paper entitled:
Where Are We And Where Are We Going?

In what the author described as a doomsday-type paper, some potentially significant problem areas that could affect the future of Kentucky were presented along with comments on possible solutions. Specific reference was made to reports from the Blue Ribbon Commission called "Kentucky Tomorrow," created by Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear. The Commissions' suggested five major trends and five strategic principles to address the problems were reviewed in some detail.

Hal King presented his first paper to the Society entitled:
The Communications Media As I Know It - Blessing and Curse-
Or How I Got Where I Am Today And What It Means!?

In a format including factual autobiography and nostalgic reminiscence, the author presented a fascinating history of radio, the newspaper and TV, dating back to the early 1940's. Interesting reference to numerous personalities, establishments and events triggered memories among at least some of the members present. Numerous facts and trends, both good and bad, associated with the communications media were presented for consideration.

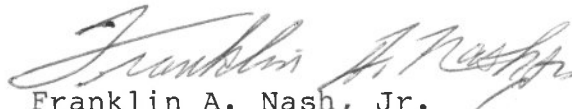
Following a five-minute break comments of varying length were presented by eleven members during which words of appreciation and personal opinions were expressed. Also all of those commenting and old enough to do so recalled the brand of radio they remembered listening to as a youth. Comments were then made by each author in rebuttal.

The program for the October 1, 1987 meeting was announced:

Frank A. Yost
Prewitt Owen

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,


Franklin A. Nash, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

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Thursday, October 1, 1987

Following the invocation by Edward H. Higgins, III and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:30 with President William M. Rowlett presiding. The roll call revealed 28 members present and there was one guest, Mr. Neil Harper, the guest of Frank A. Yost.

Requests for excused absences, either by previous notification or during the meeting, were made by Richard C. Brasher, Frank A. Yost, Sam H. Traughber, and Robert C. Baker, with these requests being approved.

Minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

President Rowlett announced a communication from Henry E. Hudson indicating his necessity to resign from the Society because of health and having to be out of the state for a significant length of time. Consideration of Honorary Membership was suggested after which a motion was made by William T. Turner and seconded by David L. Riley that Mr. Hudson be elected to the status of Honorary Member. The vote was unanimous in favor of his election.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Charles L. Tilley, Jr., placed before the membership the name of David Cavanaugh and then that of Col. Bobby H. Freeman, Ret., for a vote, with both of these persons receiving an affirmative vote. They will be notified by the Secretary of their election to the Society. With the resignation of Henry Hudson and the election of these two new members, the membership now stands at 36. The Nominating Committee then placed before the membership the names of two other persons for consideration of possible election to membership during the next meeting.

President Rowlett called for the stated program:

Frank A. Yost presented a paper entitled:

The English Language

In a well-researched documentary Mr. Yost discussed the origins and the widespread use of the English language throughout the world and referred to its continued growth and even wider acceptance. It was pointed out that continued addition of new words and changes in the

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connotations of many old words often presents problems but that English still appears to be the language of the future.

Prewitt Owen presented a paper entitled:

A Look At China

Changes and possible changes in China's political and economic structure were viewed with varying possible interpretations and opinions regarding what is, in fact, happening in China. The tug of war between communism and capitalism was reviewed in the light of China's recent history and current changes. Evidence was presented to demonstrate that China can no longer remain isolated from the influence of the rest of the world as much as it has in the past.

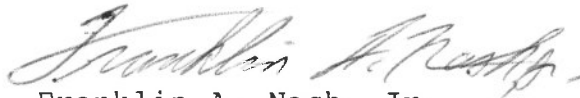
Following a five minute break comments on each of the papers were made by thirteen members which were followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

The program for the November 5, 1987 meeting was announced:

Robert M. Fairleigh, III
Marvin D. Denison

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Franklin A. Nash, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

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Following the invocation by James G. Adams, Jr. and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:25 with President William M. Rowlett presiding. The roll call revealed 28 members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by James G. Adams, Peter Macdonald, Curtis Brasher, and Marvin Denison, with these requests being approved.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved with one correction. It was pointed out by Thomas W. Westerfield that it has been an unwritten policy that the names of prospective members not be included in the minutes. Therefore the names of the two persons that originally appeared in the minutes have been removed and the minutes now read that the names of two persons were presented for consideration.

The Secretary then reported that communications have been written to Henry E. Hudson informing him of his election to Honorary Membership and to David Cavanah and Bobby H. Freeman informing them of their election to regular membership. It was then reported that communications have been received from both David Cavanah and Bobby H. Freeman indicating their acceptance of membership.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Charles L. Tilley, Jr. placed before the membership the name of Austin B. Carroll and then that of Danny Guffey for a vote, with both of these persons receiving an affirmative vote. They will be notified by the Secretary of their election to the Society. If both of these persons accept their election, this would bring the membership to a total of thirty-eight. The Nominating Committee then placed before the membership the name of one other person for consideration of possible election to membership during the December meeting.

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President Rowlett called for the stated program:

Robert M. Fairleigh, III presented a timely paper on the subject of inflation considering the recent stock market decline. Various governmental policies and decisions since the early 1960's were reviewed and discussed in the light of their attempts to control inflation and general economic problems. A general imbalance between production and consumption was stated as the basic cause of inflation. The rise and fall of inflationary trends was seen as a continuing problem with perhaps our greatest difficulties still pending.

Marvin D. Denison presented a paper entitled:
Exercise of Power, The Fourteenth Amendment and Corporations
In the Late Nineteenth Century

In a well-researched, highly documented paper the evolution of the Fourteenth Amendment from its simple beginnings to its present interpretations and uses was presented in detail. It was pointed out that the amendment was initially intended to grant full practical citizenship to former slaves but that it had evolved into a complicated power tool for present day corporations. Opinions about the developing interpretation and use of this amendment and implications relative to the entire legal structure were presented for consideration.

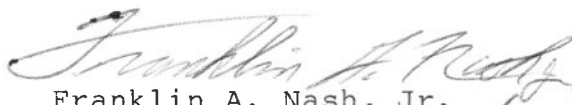
Following a five-minute break comments on each of the papers were presented by eight members which were followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

The program for the December 3, 1987 meeting was announced:

Wendell H. Rorie
James H. Love

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Secretary-Treasurer

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Following the invocation by Thomas L. Riley the meeting convened at the Log House Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. with President William M. Rowlett presiding. Business matters were conducted and followed by the dinner and later by the presentation of the papers. The roll call revealed 31 members present.

Requests for excused absences were presented by William T. Turner and Robert C. Baker with these requests being approved.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved after which the Secretary reported that letters of invitation to the Society's membership had been sent to Mr. Paul D. Guffey and Mr. Austin B. Carroll and that letters of acceptance had been received from both of these persons.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Charles L. Tilley, Jr. noted that acceptance of the above two new members placed the membership total at 38. Under the direction of the Nominating Committee one other name was placed before the Society for vote and received an affirmative vote. Mr. Tilley pointed out that since this leaves only one slot open and several names have been given to the Nominating Committee the Committee had decided to wait on presenting another name for consideration in order to give members additional time to suggest still further names for possible nomination.

Following the dinner President Rowlett called for the stated program:

Wendell H. Rorie gave an innovative presentation entitled Leningrad: A Video Journal, during which his verbal presentation was accompanied by a video presentation of his recent trip to Russia. An interesting summary of some of the highlights of the history of Leningrad and of Peter the Great who founded the city under the name of St. Petersburg was presented along with some excellent video photography to complement each segment of the presentation. This was followed by comments regarding the Leningrad Ballet and video excerpts from this ballet. Mr. Rorie pointed out that he video taped the entire ballet which is two hours in length and that a copy of the tape in its entirety is being presented to the library for members and others to enjoy.

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James H. Love presented a paper entitled:
Some Glimpses of the Class of 1962 of Elgin High School of
Elgin, Illinois.

Facts about the town, the school, the class and the times were presented along with often humorous descriptions of personalities and events involved in the reunion. Not only was the paper interesting and colorful in and of itself but it stirred other vivid memories of similar events experienced by everyone present who had ever attended a class reunion.

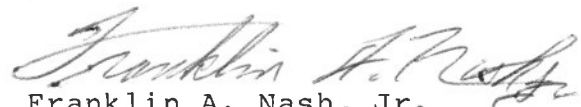
Following a five-minute break comments on each of the papers were presented by twelve members which were followed by rebuttals from each of the authors.

The program for the January 7, 1988 meeting was announced:

William T. Turner
Peter C. Macdonald

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Franklin A. Nash, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer